

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NSCE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 SY-05  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4718  
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AMCONSUL AUCKLAND  
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CINCPAC HONOLULU IMMEDIATE  
DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
CTF SEVENFOUR IMMEDIATE  
NAVINSERV PAC PEARL HARBOR HI IMMEDIATE  
USS PINTADO IMMEDIATE  
COMTHIRDFLT IMMEDIATE  
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COMSUBPAC IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, MNUC, NZ, US  
SUBJECT: SUSPECTED ATTACK ON CONSULAR PREMISES

REF: WELLINGTON 0115 (NOTAL)

1. WILLIAM QUIRK, US CONSULAR AGENT AT CHRISTCHURCH,  
TELEPHONED AT 1000 LOCAL TIME, JANUARY 11, TO REPORT A  
SUSPECTED BULLET HOLE IN THE PLEXIGLASS FRONT DOOR OF THE  
BUILDING IN CHRISTCHURCH WHICH HOUSES HIS OFFICES.

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CHRISTCHURCH POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING. NO SPENT BULLET OR  
CASING HAS BEEN FOUND. THE HOLE APPARENTLY WAS MADE OVER  
THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7-8. THE NZ MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS HAS BEEN INFORMED.

2. THE OCCURRENCE HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICLY REPORTED. IT  
MAY BE RELATED TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE NUCLEAR

POWERED SUBMARINE, USS PINTADO, TO AUCKLAND JANUARY 16-22.  
WE ARE PROVIDING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DAMAGE TO THE US NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ANTENNA TOWERS AT CHRISTCHURCH WHICH IS PINTADO-RELATED (SEE REFTEL). DECONTROL ON RECEIPT. SELDEN

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